Walcott bill providing for an inter- were forced to give notes payable in "The railroads of this state are national agreement. The free silver gold, and many others were told that required to carry peddling cars of Democrats did not obstruct the if Bryan was elected gold notes watermelons or cautaloupes, straw. and who has for years been known berries, blackberries and other permeasure as they are very anxious for would be required. In this way ishable fruits on the local or way views, for his Secretary of the Treasthe "international bimetallists" to many unfortunate debtors were prac- freights when demanded by the get a full dose of their own medicine. I tically forced to vote against their shipper, and the freight rate on ped-The bill passed by a vote of 46 to 4. convictions-knowing that they were dling cars shall be the same as on Since the House is overwhelmingly being watched by their creditors. Republican, the bill will also go The following is a bill that passed through that body in a whirl. Then the House Monday, which, if passed all McKinley has to do, after the 4th by the senate, will knock the wind section shall in all respects be the day of March, is to catch England and out of the gold note fraternity: other foreign nations "napping" and | Section 1. Section 6618 of chapter we'll have all the free silver imagin- 90. Revised Statutes of Missouri,

man with an ounce of reason believes that an international agreement is possible. The advocates of the measure are not sincere and are measure are not sincere and are payment of all debts, public or pri-pushing it along so as to satisfy the vate, hereafter contracted in this twaddle last November.

But there is another reason why they are pushing it along. Next courts of this state, or in the courts year there will be another election of the United States held within the of congressmen and senators and, of to have an international monetary metropolitan papers will do the rest.

After the election is all over some member of the conference will be anvoidable, but that enough had been or silver coins of the United States ing served the State at both ends." done to assure bimetallism by international agreement at the next mortgages made hereafter to secure meeting which would convene in any sum whatever, or purporting to August, 1900.

and there is a growing sentiment opposed to the further enriching of the few at the expense of the many. In EVIDENTLY the greedy wealth by law, on payment or tender, to the few at the expense of the many. In under any such mortgage or deed of the larger cities the clergy is taking trust after the aforesaid payment or a hand in the battle for equal rights tender shall be void. and some of our most eminent divines are warning the possessors of wealth are warning the possessors of wealth and a state of the same of the same are warning the possessors of wealth and the same of while there is so much suffering in and Asheraft brick blocks in that City. To a man up a tree it would bois, of Idaho, as a punishment for the land. One clergyman declared city took fire and were destroyed, appear that the lobby was as much having followed his convictions and times. The common shares have the land. One clergyman declared that "rather than raise our voices in Among the business houses burned that "rather than raise our voices in Two years ago the railroads had their that "rather than raise our voices in were T. C. Stokes & Co.'s general Two years ago the railroads had their in the late campaign. John Sickles. uncertainty is sufficient to give the we should apply it to the question, 'How was that wealth obtained?' By the slight tax of one half of one Central Hotel, Watkins livery stable the assembly they have secured the per cent the sugar trust is permitted the offices of Drs. Vancieve, Dalton services of the labor leaders. States of 35,000,000 annually. And News office. The fire originated in yet some people wonder how million- the Register printing office, and is treating the Newsboy with "silent

NEVADA has passed a law permitting prize fighting in that state. The participants must first procure a license, which costs \$1,000. Montana invites all horsemen to come parade on Washington's birthday in squirtgun. His last argument conwithin her borders to do their racing St. Louis. And this, too, right in tained but seven lines in which he and betting. Of course this news the midst of an era of prosperity (?). spoke of us as "Coin Harvey Hafner" will horrify the "enlightened" and and the restoration of confidence, and a "free silver puke." "highly cultured" fraternity who Isn't it fortunate that the gold peo- Bro. Crow. do it some more. gamble on the bread and meat of the ple got there? Suppose the silver land, as well as in the "blood of com- cranks had won? There might have merce," yet, to an evenly balanced been a lack of confidence and a feel- drainage of swamp lands met at mind, it must appear that the prize ing of unrest among capitalists. Oh, Dexter last Saturday for the purpose fight or the horce race is less harm- r-r-r-a-t-s! ful than the auction pit. The former affects only those who care to participate; the latter affects not known as lobbyists, who receive a stockade penitentiary to be erected only strong men, but helpless women salary of from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a somewhere in this region and the and children also.

sixteen of the city officials of Louis- can't stand a reduction of rates. New Madrid. ville, Ky. The charges are various Possibly a reduction of rates would and include bribery, extortion, mal- result in a reduction of high-salaried feasance, gaming, false swearing, "attorneys." obtaining money under false pretense conspiracy, etc. Of course these gentleman (?) are all "leading citizens" and have a "pull," and it can Dubols was among those who walked safely be predicted that they will out of the St. Louis convention with come out "honorably acquitted." It Senator Teller, of Colorado. The will be remembered that Louisville gold Republicans of Idaho combined was the hot-bed of Kentucky goldbugs, and that a silver crank had no after a hard fight. business to apply for office there.

LYMAN J. GAGE, the multi-millionnire banker of Chicago who contributed so liberally to the Hanna slush fund, has accepted the position as manager of Uncle Sam's cash box under the McKinley administration. With such a man at the head of the finances of this country, what can the ordinary people expect? It now appears that Mr. McKinley's cabinet dered his wife and child about four come in competition with free labor. a new block of buildings. He oper- for them, several Chicago million-When it is considered that the money kings elected him, this is not to be had none. That's the difference. wondered at.

WHEN the Democrats fuse with them "Popocrats." In Idaho the Republicans fused with the Populists to defeat Senator Dubois. What sort of a mixture would you call this? How would Hannapops do?

at Ava. in Southwest Missouri, Sat- out of the reach of the insurgents. urday. He murdered the Sawyer family last May and stole their team and about \$150 in cash

GETTING AFTER THEM.

The Missouri House is all right. Less then one year, 10 cents per month have no "pull" there. They are now read lobby is spending its force on notes." It will be remembered that up" there. The bill introduced by Last Friday the Senate passed the just before the election many debtors Mr. Williams reads as follows:

1889, is hereby repealed, and three new sections, to be known as sections But that is not the intention. No 6618a, 6618b and 6618c, are enacted

> legal tender, at their face value, in contracted elsewhere, but the payment of which may be attempted be enforced by process of law in the

Sec. 6618b. No judgment shall specific kind of money, no matter what the contract or promise may provide, but shall be rendered in

at their face value. Sec. 6618c. All deeds of trust or

to rob the people of the United and Scruggs and the Dunklin County supposed to have been started by a contempt." They just stand off and lisgruntled tramp printer named

year, are in Jefferson City working employment of idle convict labor. Last week the grand jury indicted eyes and pleading that the railroads duced by Representative Russell, of

> SENATOR DUBOIS, of Idaho, will be succeeded by a Populist. Senator with the Populists and defeated him

The presentation of petitions from railroad employes to the legislature, asking that freight and passenger when told by his boss to "sign?"

Two men were hanged in Missouri crimes last May. Duestrow muryears ago and he still lives. Duestrow has wealth. The other fellows

controlled by trusts, but whatever trow played very crazy and refused the Populists the Hanna organs call he has to sell he must throw upon the to sit for the experiment. Strange open market and take the conse- that only the rich are considered

BUTCHER-GENERAL WEYLER is still "restoring order" in Cuba, but it seems that the best plan he has hit ED. PERRY, aged 22, was banged upon to accomplish this is to keep

> J. C. Brant, a pioneer railroad man mony. of Southeast Missouri, died at Bird's Point on January 24.

PASSED THE HOUSE.

Representave Williams' peddling Its members are representing all the bill passed the House by a vote of

shall be made for the privilege of feel for this break of McKinley's. peddling; and the penalties for any violation of the requirements of this same as provided in section 2590 of the Revised statutes: Provided, Means Committee to give us a new this section shall only apply to and thoroughly conservative tariff melons and cantaloupes, strawber-ries, blackberries and other perishable fruits grown in this state.

this state. Both factions are clamoring for supremacy and each side is the Senate, although every silver people who were misled by this silly state, and such as may be hereafter showing up the other. John L. Bit man on the Committee voted against tinger, Republican member of the to Missouri Legislature, is a strong Kerens man and has ruffled the Republican leaders in both House feathers of Chauncey Ives Filley, and Senate to keep the Cuban queslimits of this state, and for acl such Last Tuesday Mr. Filley published tion in the background, there are course, the silver cranks will again bob up. About that time they want bob up. About that time they want gard to the terms of the contract guilty to defrauding the government Hardy, of Indiana, who got the floor conference in session somewhere, and hereafter be rendered in any of said while acting as whiskey gauger in to speak on the Agricultural approthe subsidized telegraph service and courts on any of said contracts or the Western District of Missouri and priation bill, and proceeded to make promises, verbal or written, for any was sentenced to two years imprison- a red-hot five minute speech for Cuba ment in the penitentiary in 1876; which he would have continued had that he was imprisoned at Jefferson not his request for unanimous connounced dead or seriously ill and, al-dollars and cents for the amount though the conference resulted in found to be due the lawful holder of was pardoned by the President. Mr. refused. He made a direct attack though the conference resulted in such claim, and when judgment be so great good and came within an acc of an agreement, circumstance were thereunder, may be fully satisfied by the is the only member of the House Senators and Representatives who such that an adjournment was una- payment or offer to pay in said gold who can claim the distinction of hav- were dining with the Spanish minis-

> When the farmers and producers liberty. were struggling, during the recent Although it was considered a matany sum whatever, or purporting to secure any note or bond or other campaign, to prevent a further reobligation, shall be rendered satisfied in the originary modes provided fied in the ordinary modes provided toration of silver, the railroads were pursuaded to vote with their old is being made to bring the earnings such hopes. They know that not ongreat combine has issued 367,730 born St., Chicago.
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> ADMINISTRAT of railroads down on a level with vote for the tariff bill, but that number of preferred shares have agriculture they are taking a wonder- they will vote against it if their ful interest in maintaining the wages votes can defeat it. This has been been issued but the dividend on them A DISPATCH from Malden says that of labor. We are told that the lobby fully determined upon since the Remercantile establishment, City Drug "attorneys" there. Realising that Store, Watkins Bros. barber shop, the "attorneys" could not "work" GAMBLING IN TRUST STOCKS

EDITORS Tromly, Crow & Co., are To avoid any Raymond, who is under arrest. The further mention of the "prosperous total loss is about \$21,000; insurance times," Bro. Tromly has abandoned his editorial page entirely. Bro. Crow continues to attempt an "ar-TWENTY thousand idle men are to gument" through his funnel-shaped

lands could be drained and reclaimed. RAILBOAD "attorneys," commonly The plan indersed provides for a on the legislature with tears in their A bill to this effect has been intro-

> Tue medical profession has declared consumption to be contageous and the Missouri State Board of Health recommends that all pupils of the public schools be given a course of instruction in at least the elements of consumption, its causes and means by which it may be prevented. Consumption has long since been considered contageous, but it seems that only recently has it been so declared

rates be not reduced, is amusing. after the expiration of present peni- do so. Timid holders follow their destruction in pursuance of the muni-Does anyone suppose that a railroad tentiary contracts they shall not be lead and the morket breaks. When cipal ordinance providing for the employe would hesitate for a moment renewed. The bill further provides the stocks are low enough to suit destruction of gamblers' tools. swamp lands or in doing anything York stock exchange the permanent last Saturday who committed their for the benefit of the state, so long joke, when sugar stocks are active,

An attempt was made, Saturday evening, by the use of the X-Rays, to discover the wheels in Double-WHATEVER the farmer consumes is Murderer Duestrow's head. Dues crazy when they commit a horrible go. crime, while the sanity of a poor devil is never questioned.

An old Kentucky sinner, aged 66, married a girl of 15 last week. The bride wore a short dress at the cere-

The taxable wealth of Madison county is \$1.886,248.

FROM WASHINGTON.

If there is anything in the old superstition, McKinley's ears must have been burning ever since it was announced that he had chosen Lyman after the fellows who demand "gold the senate, the bill may be "hung J. Gage, of Chicago, a man who voted for Cleveland, signed the petition upon which Gov. Altgeld pardened the Chicago anarchists. and who has for years been known ury. It is a great effort for the republicans in Congress to keep from through cars, and no extra charges expressing publicly the disgust they

> After all that has been said and done about the intention of the Republicans of the House Ways and bill, they are proceeding to give us the same old McKinley bill, having a ready adopted several entire Mc-Kinley schedules.

> The arbitration treaty has been amended and favorably reported to

Although it is the policy of the ter too often to be able to hear the appeals of the people struggling for

publicans resorted to such extraordi- tuate little, ranging from \$100 to

Enormous Speculation in the Shares of the Sugar Combine---Prices Raised to Boom the Markets.

obvious and inevitable results of the a single day, and frequently from immense capitalization of the big \$10 to \$15 a week. When it is contrust companies. The general public sidered that a flunctuation of \$1 a hears little of this feature of the big share means a gain or loss of \$367,730 combines because the small consumer and a \$10 fluctuation, a change of is rarely a stock-jobber and he sees \$3,677,300, the enormous gain of the no direct relation between the price gamblers becomes apparent. Inashe pays for the article manufactured much as the dividends have remained by a trust and the market quotation the same for several years and promof its stock. The stock broker and ise to continue the same for some Many of those interested in the the speculator, however, carefully time, the violence of the fluctuations study the purchase price and the of the stock can only be attributed amount of consumption. They bear to speculation. of outling some plan by which the a direct relation to profit and loss. If anything else were needed to In them the gambler in stocks finds prove this the figures produced by the basis of his fictitious transactions. the New York stock exchange re-When the directors of a trust ports are ample evidence. During are of a speculative turn of the month of November 821,100 mind, as most of them are, it is an shares of the common stock of the easy thing and not an infrequent sugar trust were bought and sold practice to raise the price to the con- each of the twenty-three trading

The greatest gambling concern in 117,500 shares were sold, little short the world, now or ever, is the Amer- of one-third the entire issue. In one ican Sugar Refining Company, the week last spring 283,000 shares legal title of the sugar trust. H. O. changed hands and the number has Havemeyer, the president, and his frequently reached 250,000 a week. friends own a majority of the stock. This would make the total sales Whenever Mr. Havemeyer wants to about 8,000,000 shares a year and in build a new business block he agitates dicate the sale of each share twentythe stock market. A cablegram two times during the twelve months, manufactured in Europe showing an increase of the German beet sugar It needs no argument to prove that industry or a similar telegram from 95 per cent of these deals were pure Washington indicating unfavorable by fictitious. The New York police action by congress causes sugar stock would have little difficulty in show-A bill was introduced in the Mis- to sell off. Mr. Havemeyer and his ing that sugar trust stock is a gamsouri House Monday providing that friends sell the shares, or appear to bling implement and might order its that the convicts may be used in them the Havemeyer buy and build working public roads, in reclaiming a new skyscraper. On the New as the labor of the convicts does not is that Havemeyer wants to put up had small savings in them. Luckily ates on the theory so neatly expressed aires got caught in the crash and by a couplet on the blackboard for stock quotations in the customers' room of one of Chicago's leading brokers:

"When stocks are high the public buy; When stocks are low they let them

Frequently an innocent appearing ter of a cent per pound. If the con- were boomed from \$130 to \$250, to it, because he thinks so small a bought and sold. Fortunes were raise car have little effect on him, made and lost. The managing direc-

but the stock gambler knows that tors took \$750,000 out of the comeven this fractional addition to the pany's reserve and bought stock price means an immense increase in with it. When the bubble burst, the trust's profits. It is estimated that amount was lost. Hundreds of that the annual consumption of sugar people put their small savings into in the United States is over 3,500 the stock, between \$150 and \$200 on million pounds. A quarter of a cent the promise of the managing direcwould amount to \$9,000,000, or about tors that it would go to \$300. The 325 a share. If this rate were main. stock sold last week at \$110. tained thirty days it would net the stockholders \$2 a share and warrant the stock Diamond Match stock was the gamblers in bulling the prices of regarded as a safe and stable securistocks three or four points. On one ty. Within six months its value occasion the trust raised prices onehalf a cent per pound. It made most wrecked. Its earnings remained fortunes for a score of men. The in. the same. Its dividends were the crease in profits was trebled in the same each quarter.

gain of the price of the trust's stock.

That portion of the public that

buys stocks for speculation or investment more directly feels the effects its former president. The stock of trust manipulation. Financiers. political economists and other theo rists who attempt to defend trusts lay great stress on the opportunity for secure and profitable investment ators on the stock exchange on the offered by the large capitalization of the great "industrial companies," as the trusts are politely termed. The market reports are full of exhortions to investors to buy this or that trust stock. Brokers go into raptures in daily interviews over the prospect for big returns in certain trust shares. The sugar, whiskey. tobacco, leather and electric supply trusts have their friends who are drumming up public attention and offering tremendous bargains in their shares. Bucket-shops by the hundred thrive off the public's faith in leather and lesser trusts have been these representations. In these con- almost as great. All of this goes cerns deals for as small sums as \$10 are made, and the extent of the evil to operate less fair and honorable is beyond calculation. Brokers get games than the faro gambler and the rich off the public's credulity and card monte shark. trust managers add to their manufacturing profits immense gains from the manipulations of their own stocks. In some of the trusts like whiskey and cordage the stock-jobbing profits have been the chief source of the fortunes of the trust

Some idea of what trust stock speculators a chance to gamble in them. Within the year the stock has ranged between \$95 and \$126. the entire gain being made in less than five months. The range between \$110 and \$120 has been frequently covered and sometimes within two days. A range of \$5 a share Gambling in stocks is one of the has been made a number of times in

sumer to boom the price of stocks. days of the month. On Nov. 24, or once every fourteenth trading day.

Chicago recently had an instance of stockgambling that threatened the ruin of three or four banks and an incalculable injury to persons who they were powerful enough to prevent this catastrophe, they did it to save themselves and not the innocent victims behind them. It was a trust stock, too, that caused disaster to several rich and greedy gamblers.

The Diamond Match company, a trust concern, is capitalized for little paragraph is printed in the \$11,000,000 and has 110,000 shares of market columns of the newspapers stock. In an attempt to create a announcing that the price of sugar trust to control the match business has been raised an eighth or a quar- of Europe and the world, the shares sumer sees it he pays no attention Thousands of fictitious shares were

Before the gamblers got bold of was doubled and the company al-

The whiskey trust was forced into a reorganization, chiefly, it is said, through the stock manipulations of within a twelvementh has ranged

from \$14 to \$28 a share. Directors of the tobacco trust have been arraigned by their fellow opercharge of manipulating stocks for their personal gain. They were charged with declaring dividends that were not earned in order to boom the stock so that they might unload their holdings on the public. Within the present year the stock has ranged from \$51 to \$95 a share. It went off \$20 a share in ten days and then the directors declared a 20 per cent dividend.

New York Biscuit has ranged from \$51 to \$110 within a year and the flunctuations in General Electric. to prove that trusts, beside their logalized robberies, have been used

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All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the undersigned administrator within one year from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years, they will be forever barred.

FRANK C. MILLER,
Surviving Partner, and Administrator Part-Surviving Partner, and Administrator Part nership estate of Heisserer & Miller,

C.A.SNOW&CO

Probate Docket.

List of Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Curators who are required by law to exhibit their accounts for settlement on the day and date before named, at the February term, 1897, of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the town of Benton, Scott County, Missouri, commencing on Monday, February 22, 1897.

Frank McGraw.

Tuesday-Second day.

T. A. Matthews. Jas. McPheeters Wm. Byrne. Wm. Howell. John Riddle. A true copy from the Docket.

CHAS. A. LEEDY.

Probate Judge.

Take notice, that the undersigned, curator of the estate of Josephine Weiter and Ida R. Welter, of Scott county, will at the February term of the Probate Court, to be held at the court house in the town of Benton, the county seat of Scott county, on the 4th Monday in February, 1897, apply to said court for leave to resign the office and trust of curator of said estate.

K. MIEDERHOFF, Curator estate of Josephine Welter and Ida R. Weiter.

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